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Carver Commem Imperf Between

Finding of the newly issued George Washington Carver stamp in a condition in which two of the stamps of a vertical pair are almost entirely imperf between has been reported by two collectors. A block of nine containing this variety has been submitted for inspection by Norbert O. Sullivan of St. Paul Minn. It shows the stamps separated by an imperforate area which extends from after four perforations on the left, to one perforation on the right between the stamps.

Edwin L. Ingraham of Omaha, Nebraska has found the variety also, and he places the miscue on plate No. 23655 L. L. and on plate No. 23664 L. L. On the first plate, the imperforate area occurs between stamps 18 and 28, while on the second it appears between stamps 13 and 23. Mr. Ingraham states that this variety was not found in very many of the sheets in the stock of the local post office, for when the variety was discovered, he and other collectors were accommodated by the clerks there with a thorough search of the stock on hand of this stamp.

These two collectors were the only two to report the finding of the imperf Carvers to date, but it is a foregone conclusion that many more are in circulation and that they will not be scarce by any means.

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Where Gold Was Discovered



The stamp issued to commemorate the Discovery of Gold in California is shown above. It was released to the public on January 24 at Coloma, Calif., the scene of Sutter's Mill, where a workman discovered tiny particles of gold in the mill race used to provide water power for the operation of the mill. The stamp appears to be quite attractive, the only possible fault being the abundance of wording in the upper left hand corner of the design. Color of the stamp is purple.

Each Incoming Mail Brings Many More

The following is a typical expression of good wishes and congratulations on the occasion of the celebration of the passing of our 1000th edition of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

"I want to add my sincerest congratulations, George, to the hundreds that you must be receiving on having reached your 1000th birthday.

"One thousand weeks does not seem too long until one considers how many years it represents, and when all of that time has been spent in as helpful and valuable manner as you have spent it, it is certainly deserving of congratulations.

"I know that you are receiving at this time dozens of suggestions, hoping that you will be around another thousand weeks, and even more. All that I can do is to re-echo these sentiments, and the hope that the next thousand will not only be a lot easier for you, and a lot more pleasant, but that at the end of that time you still have your present strength, spirit and desire to continue along the principles that have made you so well known over the past quarter century and more."

—Herman Herst, Jr.

First congratulatory message came by telegram from H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis. Another message of commendation arrived soon thereafter from Harry M. Weiss, editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip and writer of that popular column, "The Inside Straight" in that paper.

Since then, messages have been sent from all corners of the United States and Canada. Apparently, our readers liked this special immensely and were not very reluctant to keep this appreciation hidden either. Thanks to all of you well-wishers, and we hope that we can make Linn's of such interest to you that you will be with us for many, many years to come.

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Mississippi Commem Design Ready Soon

The post-office department said it soon would have ready a series of designs for the stamp to be issued this year commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Territory of Mississippi.

Two new designs, submitted to the department during the week of January 5, featured Ellicott's Hill, where the American flag was first raised in the Mississippi Territory, and historic Connally's Tavern. Previously, designs that would bear a Natchez period mansion and sketch of Winthrop Sargent, the territorial governor and commander of the militia, were submitted.

In connection with the designs, the Mississippi department of archives and history submitted a seal of the Mississippi Territory. Incidentally, on the particular document submitted, Gov. Sargent appointed Samuel Gibson, a justice of the peace of Pickering county. There were only two counties at the time in the vast territory extending east to the Georgia line. They were Adams and Pickering.

William D. McCain, director of the state department of archives and history, and his associates will make the selection from the series of designs, Sen. James O. Eastland said.

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Discovery Of Gold In California Stamp Brings A Recollection Of The Principals Involved

by Carl P. Rueth

Gold, since near the beginning of modern times, has represented to nearly all individuals the means of enjoying a life of leisure, the wherewithal to mitigate the sufferings of a fellowman, or a thousand and one other things. Gold is a pure metal that was known to the ancients and used by them for many purposes including decoration and utensils. Gold has left happiness and despair, and newly made lives and violent deaths in its wake. Gold has been a boon and a bane, and has been a power for good, or evil in the hands of the person that had it.

In the United States, the discovery of gold in what is now the state of California, was quite by accident. It was made by James Wilson Marshall on January 24, 1848 and was one of the foremost reasons for the early settlement of this portion of the North American continent. The discovery was made at Sutter's Mill, on what is approximately the site of the city of Sacramento today.

To commemorate this event, the Post Office Department of the United States prepared and issued a three cent commemorative stamp that had its first day of issue at Coloma, Calif., on January 24, 1948. The stamp was printed with purple ink and depicted Sutter's Mill and the mill race in which Marshall made the discovery.

Possibly not too much is known or remembered by the average collector, about the personages involved in the story of the discovery of the glittering yellow particles. John Augustus Sutter was born in 1803 in Kandern, Baden, Germany of Swiss parentage. Like all young Europeans of the day, he was required to take a certain amount of military training, with his education, and this he acquired at the military college of Bern, Switzerland. The year of 1834 found him operating as a trader at Santa Fe, N. Mex. With the unquenched fire of the pioneer still burning strong within him, he worked his way to the Pacific Coast, and from thence in 1838 to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaiian Islands) and to Alaska. Returning to California in 1841, he petitioned the Mexican Government for a grant of land, and on his receiving it, established a settlement known as New Helvetia (Sutter's Fort).

This was situated almost exactly on the land that now is the site of the city of Sacramento.

Sutter seems to have been on excellent terms with the Mexican government, for they made him the Governor of the North District of California. When the land was acquired by the United States, this government recognized his ability and honesty by appointing him the alcalde and the Indian agent for the same district.

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GREAT BRITAIN: Without any previous announcement a new 11 pence maroon has been issued; the design is similar to Scott type A103.

HONGKONG: We are told that the 20c of the George VI issue is to be changed to red and that a new 80c will be released at the same time. The design of these stamps is Scott type A16.

JAPAN: A new pictorial set to honor Kumano National Park will be issued in February.

POLAND: A new stamp has appeared quite similar to A132 (Brother Albert). Pale violet and vertical in format, it is slightly smaller, measuring 20x 31 mms. It is a semi-postal, value 2 plus 18 zlotys and bears the date "1947/48". The surtax will be used for winter help.

No 17 of the General Government Issue exists with the overprinted value shifted so far to the left that the "8" (numeral of value) occurs superimposed on the swastika.

—Penny Black Stamp Co.

ROMANIA: Two new sets will be forthcoming in January or February. One set will be for the Union of Youth Workers consisting of five stamps, one of which will be triangular and another an airmail. The second set will commemorate the Revolution of 1848, number of values not announced. With the abdication of King Michael, probably all issues depicting Michael and/or the royal crown will be either withdrawn or redesigned. And too, an issue commemorating the formation of the new-born republic may be expected.

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RUSSIA: An attractive set of 10 different 30 Kop. stamps has been issued. Each is a different color and shows a different famous Russian sanitarium.

U. S. AMG: Germany, Washington printing: The 12 pfg. violet has been discovered with a beautiful offset on the back, the offset printing coinciding exactly with the perforations so as to provide well-centered mirrored images of the normal stamp. This column has seen a half sheet so it can be assumed the entire sheet was offset although there is no way of knowing whether the remaining half exists intact or was broken up and possibly used.

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VENEZUELA: More changes are scheduled in the colors of the existing postage and air mail set we note that the fifteen cent value Scott A71 now appears in red and that the 15c Air Mail Scott type AP16 has been changed to gray.

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By Herman Herst, Jr.

Madison, Conn. has one large nationally known soap factory is located there, and perhaps more mail is sent to them than to the rest of the town put together. Where there is mail, there are stamps, and while passing through the town one fine summer day, we decided to see what happened to the stamps. It was a simple matter to find out where the town dump was located.

Whatever is of no value sooner or later ends on the town dump, and if waste paper is not incinerated, it is a matter of moments to learn where the soap factory sends its envelopes from its incoming mail. It did not take much longer to learn that the soap factory sent its papers and correspondence to the dump, but that their envelopes bearing stamps were not among them. It now became the next order of business to find out what happened to them.

The nearest Madison antique shop supplied that answer. The concession belonged to the town drunk, a chap named Doc Muller. They called him Doc for he insisted that he was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. No one believed him, and at no time had he ever shown any knowledge of medicine, but good-naturedly, to everyone in Madison, he was Doc Muller. And where could Doc Muller be found? At any saloon or bar, the answer came readily enough.

Madison does not have too many saloons, but if you ever tried to find someone known to you only by name in one of them, the immensity of the task is apparent. And when the search of the last licensed spot was completed without any sign of Doc Muller the Herst's were about decided to move on, and angle elsewhere for another find of stamps. Getting into their car to leave Madison, they noted a parked police car with a guardian of the law at the wheel. Perhaps he knew Doc Muller; anyway, it was a good gamble.

"Sure, saw Doc Muller twenty minutes ago entering the Hotel. There's an unlicensed bar in the basement there; I'd go with you to point him out but I'm not supposed to know they drink there. Tell the bartender that Mike said it's OK and you'll find him."

While Mrs. Herst waited in the car, we entered the saloon. Unlicensed though it might have been, we had little trouble either finding it or entering it. Giving Mike's name to the bartender, we asked for Doc Muller. The bartender pointed to a stall in the corner at which a middle-aged chap, pretty much under the influence, appeared quite charmed with the company of a blonde who herself appeared to be no stranger to drink. We introduced ourselves to Doc, who didn't appear to be in the slightest mood to talk stamps. He didn't want to discuss anything. He just wanted to drink. But having found our quarry, we were reluctant to give up, and returned temporarily to the car to discuss strategy with Mrs. Herst. Finally, we decided to work on Doc together, and with Mrs. Herst at our side, Doc was not hesitant at asking us to join his little party. Drinks were ordered, and while Doc preferred to discuss the merits of different brands of whiskey, we kept trying to bring the conversation back to stamps.

All efforts would have been unsuccessful had not Doc's blonde seen a chance to better herself when another of her acquaintances entered the saloon. Without a word, she was back at the bar, and Doc was fuming. In a matter of seconds he was storming out of the hotel, muttering. Apparently he had a charge account, for no one mentioned the matter of his bill to him. We paid ours quickly, and caught up with Doc outside the hotel.

It wasn't necessary to ask him if he wanted a ride home. We opened the car door, and Doc "fell in" the car. He was able to give us directions to where he lived, a converted two car garage covered with sheet tin not far from the water's edge. We took him home. As we again gingerly brought the conversation to stamps, we found Doc a bit more receptive. Yes, he got the soap company's mail

regularly. He sorted the com-mems from the regular issues. Had been doing it for years. Where were they? Well he didn't exactly own them any more. He needed ten bucks the week previous, and had borrowed it from the chap who owned the garage in which he lived. The stamps were all he had for security so he had let the man take them away. But he was sure that if he could ever get ten bucks, he could get his stamps back.

As the end of the trail appeared to be in sight, we suggested that if the stamps were worth it, we would be glad to pay the man back his ten dollars, and perhaps there would be substantially more for Doc. The possibility intrigued him, and as sobriety appeared to take hold of him we suggested a visit to the garage owner, who lived about a mile distant.

Yes, he remembered the incident, and he still had the stamps. He was going to burn them up or give them away in case Doc never redeemed them, he said. Considered the ten dollars as a gift; Years before Doc had worked as a gardener for him, and he never ceased to take a fatherly interest, even though he knew that every time he gave him a dollar, probably ten cents went for food and ninety cents for liquor. He never figured the stamps were worth anything, and if he could get back his ten dollars, and Doc could make something beside, so much the better.

The stamps proved to be a satisfactory lot. There was nothing outstanding among them, but there were many thousands of commemoratives and higher-values, all neatly sorted. It was but a matter of minutes until the half dozen or so large cartons of stamps were merrily rocking back to Doc's garage, his ten dollar indebtedness paid. It was but a few more minutes more before ownership of the stamps had changed, and Doc again became a substantial citizen with money in his pockets, and his brain clear. Then came the story of John Hopkins and his undergraduate days, no different from the tale which we had first heard from the antique dealer.

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The Post Office Department officials have recognized that in the event of another national emergency, it is imperative that the military postal service be capable of going into action immediately. The War Department, now the Department of the Army, in recognition of the need for preparedness, has undertaken a program the purpose of which is the building of efficient units within the Organized Reserve Corps which, in time of emergency, are capable of going into active service completely equipped and prepared to perform their military requirements. The Post Office Department will act as the sponsor and the mentor of such groups.

The Post Office Department points proudly to the fact, and deservedly so, that sending a legibly addressed package, or letter by U. S. Mail is the safest form of transportation available to the public. There is less loss through theft by postal employees than by employees in any other business, public or private. But postal authorities would prefer that you'd either register or insure letters and parcels containing valuables. This guarantees monetary restitution in case of loss through some unavoidable accident.

When letters are sent to President Truman which deal with Army affairs, they are directed to the desk of General Harry H. Vaughan, Military Aide to the president. He answers many of them, and directs others to the attention of Mr. Truman. Many of the letters from the President's old mutual friends are answered by General Vaughan.

The original release from the Post Office Department relative to the Francis Scott Key stamp indicated that the stamp was intended to remember him. The recent controversies that have been raging throughout several Eastern cities about the site of the first day of issue, brings doubts as to the intention of the stamp. At least one city has twisted the original announcement to mean that the commemoration was for "The Star Spangled Banner," the words for which were written by Key.

J. M. Dalrymple of Tulsa, Okla., has shown me covers that he had canceled on the occasion of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. This of course in itself is not unusual, because many covers were canceled then. The unusualness of these two is the fact that on one was a five cent Franklin, and on the other a ten cent Washington, clipped from the Centenary Souvenir Sheet. Each stamp was surrounded by three concentric circles of red, white and blue color. Besides these stamps there was a 1/2d of the current issue of England on each cover. The postmaster at Edinburgh, Scotland did a very nice job of tying the stamps to each cover with the postmark and the "Lovers Knot" cancellation.

The answers to the quiz are just about due, so to check yours as given by yourself, compare them with these.

1. Four stamps comprised the Territorial issue. The first of them was the one for Hawaii, issued on October 18, 1937, and which reproduced the statue of King Kamehameha I now standing in front of the Iolani Castle in Honolulu. The second stamp for Alaska was issued on November 12, 1937, and bore a picture of Mt. McKinley. The third was for Puerto Rico and pictures "La Fortaleza" the Governor's Palace, Puerto Rico. First day of issue was on November 25, 1937. The fourth stamp, issued on December 15, 1937, was for the Virgin Islands and depicted the harbor of Charlotte Amalie there.

2. Two generals of the Confederacy were pictured on a stamp of the United States. One was General Robert E. Lee, the other, General Thomas Jonathan Jackson, otherwise known as "Stonewall" Jackson. They appeared on the four cent stamp of the Army series, which had its first day of issue on March 23, 1937.

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A Post Office Dept. official declared that stamp speculation has become the nation's newest "gambling" craze.

James Bell, head of the Dept.'s Philatelic Agency for stamp collectors, reported that the business of investing in commemorative postage stamps has reached an all time-high.

Bell released figures showing that stamp sales of his agency which sells by mail and across the counter, reached a new peak in 1947 of more than three and one-half million dollars, commenting:

"A large part of this figure is accounted for by sales to "accumulators"—the polite name applied to speculators by those who collect stamps merely for the pleasure and hobby.

Bell's Philatelic Agency, located in the Post Office Department building in Washington, was established in 1922 as a special service to stamp collectors, providing them with every stamp available in unlimited quantities.

Revenues of the Agency are from sale of stamps only, and do not include first-day sales at post offices where new issues are first offered to the public nor revenue derived later from the sale of stamps to philatelists at local post offices.

These figures were not immediately available but Bell said that revenues from these sources coupled with the agency's receipts "must figure close to seven million dollars for 1947."

He added:

"Our agency's volume of business last year is particularly significant when compared with the 1944 total of around two million dollars. In 1947 sales increased to nearly double the 1944 total due in large measure to the trend of buying stamps as an investment."

"People are realizing more and more each year that there is good money in buying stamps and reselling them when they become scarce in the traders' market."

As an example of the profits possible Bell cited the present premium prices on the series of stamps issued in 1943 bearing flags of the Allied countries. There were 13 stamps in the series.

The stamps, which originally sold for five cents each, \$2.50 for a sheet of 50 stamps and \$32.50 for a complete set of 13 sheets, are bringing \$50 and more a set today.

Bell said that this incident alone has attracted hundreds of additional collectors and accumulators.

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Dear Sir:

In reply to a letter appearing in your issue of Dec. 15th, signed "STAMP COLLECTOR."

The All-Boro Collectors Club in instituting a campaign to request the Post Office Department for the issuance of a postage stamp to represent as a fitting memorial to all who have died in the service of this country's past wars, the undersigned believes it to be a beautiful gesture and a fitting designation.

As the late "All" Smith would say "lets look at the record." Yes, look in your stamp catalogue. You will find many stamps have been issued to honor heroes of past wars, but never has a special stamp been issued to honor those who have given their last measure of devotion. Stamps have been issued to war Generals and war Presidents, but none for the unknown servicemen.

This country every year, keeps honoring war events of the past as a reminder, patriotic veterans organizations hold memorial services for the war dead.

If, the stamp will be offensive and painful to the families of our fallen heroes, as Stamp Collector states, they, the families, do not need a stamp for a reminder, the vacant chair at home does that every day.

Certainly, let's have a stamp to honor those who gave their all for us.

Sincerely yours,
Morris Merker

(Editors Note: The above is representative of several letters that have been sent to this office in reply to the original protest against such a stamp written by "Stamp Collector." While not anonymous to this paper, Stamp Collector preferred to sign the letter with that pseudonym.)

Texans Want Stamp To Celebrate 100th Year Of Fort Bliss

Citing a definite opposition to the matter, E. B. Garess of El Paso, Texas tells about the attempt of certain persons in his home state to bring out a commemorative stamp for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Bliss. Inasmuch as the commemoration is local matter only, Mr. Garess suggests that the Post Office Department use its opportunities for the production of commemorative stamps for more appropriate events. Nevertheless, Rep. Ken Regan (Texas) has asked Postmaster General Donaldson to issue a stamp in the fall of 1948 for such an anniversary.

Donaldson said in the face of some 25 requests annually the Post Office Department has the problem of turning down all but one monthly. Therefore he could not promise but said he would give every consideration possible to El Paso's request.

Recently, Sen. Tom Connally's office announced that Fort Brown, oldest permanent post in Texas, was being sold to the City of Brownsville as war surplus. A spokesman in the senator's office believes this will make Fort Bliss the oldest active post in the state. Files are being re-checked to make sure this claim is correct.

THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR ALL

The RIPAEX, short for the Ridgefield Park Stamp Club Annual Exhibition, is certainly gathering a reputation unto itself. They have announced regretfully that they were forced to turn down requests for 121 frames in their recent national exhibition of January 15-18. Original intention was to provide only 300 frames to hold the various exhibits, but they did manage to scrape up the frames and the room to make it 318. It is encouraging to see collectors interested in showing their collections, and it is twice as encouraging to see the many collectors that attend the various shows now days, at which time they get a lot of ideas that they can apply to their own collecting habits.

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A highly profitable scheme for counterfeiting domestic and foreign postage stamps so as to increase their value to philatelists was uncovered by inspectors of the Post Office Department and the Auto and Forgery Squad of the Police Department.

Under arrest is Jerome Frankel, 23 years old, of 673 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, who, according to investigators, was graduated in 1946 from City College with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. He was released in \$1,000 bail for action of the Federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Edward E. Fay in Brooklyn Federal Court.

After being taken into custody at the Saratoga Avenue address where he boards, Frankel led Inspector Louis J. Bader and Detective Edward Thomas to a room at 486 Williams Avenue, in the East New York section of Brooklyn, where they found his equipment: a toy hand press, twenty-seven steel cuts, twenty-two rubber stamps and approximately 25,000 assorted stamps.

A stamp collector since he was 8 years old, Frankel used the knowledge he had gained over the years to make collectors' items of practically worthless stamps by using several forms of indicia, including overprints on United States stamps and surcharges on foreign stamps.

Mr. Bader said it was difficult to estimate the amount of money that Frankel could have realized had he been able to operate undiscovered. The inspector said Frankel admitted making \$400 since he began working the swindle early last year.

The extent of his possible profits could best be estimated by studying a batch of 100 canceled 9-cent stamps for which Frankel paid 30 cents. By overprinting them with the letters "NEBR," an abbreviation for the State of Nebraska, he increased their value to \$2.75 each. This form of identification was used for a short time in 1929 when, after a series of thefts from post-offices in Nebraska the letters were inserted as a tracer.

Authorities were put on Frankel's trail by complaints from collectors in the South and West who became suspicious of the youth's unlimited supply of such stamps.

COLUMNIST ENTERTAINS WITH TALK, & EXHIBIT OF SEYCHELLES STAMPS

Mr. Henry M. Friedman, well known Metropolitan philatelist, exhibited and talked on his Centennial Exhibition prize winning collection of Seychelles at the Empire State Philatelic Society meeting held in the Lucerne Hotel, Amsterdam Ave and 79 street, New York City, on Tuesday evening, January 20th. Mr. Friedman edits the 'British Empire Chatter' in Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

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BY KENNETH M. BIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Block Collecting

In the general City Types few collectors save blocks unless there is some particular comparison shown by the stamps in the blocks, few buy blocks for their collection. A lot of collectors will save blocks if they come by them from the original source or from swaps but even then they generally will break the block to accommodate a friend who needs some good swapping material.

In Bureau Prints (Government Printed Precancels) the situation is different. Although there are some collectors of blocks the proportion is not high. The one thing that bolsters block collecting in Bureau Prints is the fact that the catalog lists and prices them. Unless there has been widespread usage of a Bureau variety generally, the blocks are as scarce as the catalog indicates. However there is no use denying that blocks do move slowly in the Sales Circuits. Reason is that the few collectors who do save blocks have all the easy ones and the hard ones are really scarce.

Precancelled Bureau blocks are really showy when arranged neatly on a page and a few blocks here and there in a collection breaks the monotony of any kind of a stamp collection. Many of the old type Bureau blocks are priced greatly over the value of four singles and justly so. A lot of the old time collectors like to get large blocks, blocks of six, eight, ten or more and then surround them with singles on a page. You still can do this to some extent but generally with the lower values as the high values are not available from a number of cities any more in the quantities they used to be.

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During the calendar year that ended December 31, 1947, \$3,504,739.71 in stamp sales were transacted. This figure, Postal officials said, exceeded the calendar year 1946 by approximately \$367,000.

These figures, the Post Office Department pointed out, do not include first-day sale receipts at post offices where new issues are first offered for sale to the public nor do they include philatelic revenue derived from the sale of stamps through local post offices.

Thomas Edison, inventor, and Joseph Pulitzer, journalist, were honored by the Department by 3c commemoratives. The Edison stamp was first placed on sale at Milan, Ohio on February 11, and the Pulitzer stamp went on sale at New York City on April 10, 1947.

Other stamps issued during the calendar year included commemoratives honoring the Nation's doctors, the Utah Centenary, the USS Constitution—Old Ironsides—and the Everglades National Park which was dedicated by President Truman on December 5, 1947.

Marking the 100th anniversary of the United States Postage Stamp, the Post Office Department issued a special sheet containing reproductions of the original five and ten cent stamps of 1847. This sheet was issued in connection with the International Philatelic Exhibition at New York May 17 to May 25, 1947.

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In announcing this collectors' service, F. H. Bedford Jr., president of the Atlas Supply Company, emphasized that this would not be a commercial project, but that the entire supply of sheets would be DONATED. The offer is intended as philatelic cooperation, not profit. He did hope that their distribution may be so conceived as to aid some important national charity, and invited interested collectors to submit ideas and suggestions so that distribution would please the greatest number of collectors and do the most good for the hobby. Suggestions should be addressed to the Atlas Sky Merchant, Room 3005, R. K. O. Building, New York 20, N. Y.

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A price list of United States stamps has been released recently by A. J. Bartke, 1035 Dearborn Rd., Palisade, N. J. The list only prices used copies of these stamps in two different kinds of condition. First listing is Scott No. 31, and continues from there with all subsequent issues including the commemoratives and regular postage. Prices are also noted for revenue and official stamps. Interested collectors might want to request the list from Mr. Bartke at the above address.

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A CLEANER HOBBY

BY L. F. TUF
APS-SPA

The readers of this paper who are now or have been members of any of the national societies, that is, the Society of Philatelic Americans or the American Philatelic Society, should get back of their organization!

No one was more surprised than this writer when it was found out that so many members are lax in payment of their annual dues. It can not be the amount involved that is causing this division of opinion as to why so many members of the grand Hobby of Collecting of Stamps are allowing their membership in the societies to lapse. Why are they not paying their dues and showing a united front in cleaning up the hobby?

It is often heard said by many collectors, "why is such and such a dealer allowed to do so and so," or "why can we not do something about cleaning up the racketeers in our hobby." Undoubtedly, many are waiting for the other fellow to do the dirty work. All right, let others take the lead and you follow them but you must show that your support is behind them by a mere indication of **keeping your dues paid up to date**. A certain financial responsibility has to be assumed to get out a monthly Journal for each of the two societies. This Journal is something we all can have and should want on our shelves. They are packed with information that will help us to further our own aims in the hobby.

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It is your responsibility to see that your dues are kept up-to-date.

Get behind your society and get up to date. If you wish a strong front in the hobby today and wish to do something about the things that you do not like, then you must get on the inside, fighting with your dues for the better things for the hobby. Get up to date and stay there.

For all those that might have lost the mailing address, we repeat them here for your convenience in mailing your dues.

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If any reader is not now a member of either society and wishes to join, write to either of the two addresses above and ask for information about them. If that is too much bother, then write to the writer of this column care of this paper and I will see that you get a membership blank and full information. Now is the time to do it. **Right Now. Write Now!**

**SOMETHING FISHY
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Down in Miami, Fla. every winter, they have what is known as the Metropolitan Miami \$15,000 Fishing Tournament. During a stated time, the fisherman or woman who catches the largest fish in certain classifications is awarded a prize. Now what does that mean to a stamp collector, you ask? Just this. On one of the days of the tournament during February, the day will be known as "Cachet and Philatelic Day." During that 24 hour period, there will be special prizes for fish caught, and also a cachet for the use of stamp and cover collectors. (Readers will please abstain from pointing to any similarities).

Any collectors wanting a cachet should prepare their 6½ envelopes with their names, addresses and the proper amount of stamps for first class postage (air or regular). Leave a space of about 2½ x 2½ on the left side of the envelope for the cachet. Do not seal the covers, and do not put stuffers in them, for the Florida sponsors plan to insert souvenir stuffers of their own. Covers are to be sent to Lew Nachman, P. O. Box 268, Miami Beach, Fla.

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Mrs. F. L. Erxleben, who told us about the bonanza, states that she drove the 17 miles from her home town of Rossville to Danville, the day after the small cards were placed on sale, and was able to obtain some for herself. Collectors for miles around were at the post office getting their share of the rapidly dwindling supply of the cards.

(Editors Note: The cards of a size of 3 x 5 inches are standard and are available to all postmasters from the supplies of the Department. They are used in some instances because they are of a filing card size, and will fit in with a firm's standard filing system).

**Stamps Have Prominent
Place In Hobby Show**

In the month of February, on the days of the 20th to the 23rd inclusive, a lot of hobbyists out in El Segundo, Calif., are going to exhibit their recreational activities in a Hobby Show to be held in the American Legion Hall in that city. Stamps, of course, will be well represented by the members of the El Segundo Standard Oil Employees Stamp Club. Hoyt M. Fleming of the exhibition committee states that the stamp section will be filled with a fine display that should awaken the non-collector to the advantages of accumulating these small pieces of paper.

The Hobby Show is in the nature of a community betterment project sponsored by several civic interests. The admission to the show is free, and the exhibits of all kinds are entered on a non-competitive basis. Nevertheless, each exhibitor will receive a ribbon of merit in recognition of his or her contribution to the show. Attendance at this show appears to be a fine way to spend several interesting hours, and no doubt many will list it as a must on their date calendar.

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Gyp Stamp Deals Fool GIs

by Robert Jones

(Courtesy of the "Weisbaden Post, weekly newspaper of HQs. Command USAFE.)

The writer has been an active stamp collector for over ten years. He learned the fundamentals of the philatelic business as an apprentice in a state-side stamp shop. So many friends who were amateur collectors came to him with stories of shady dealings on the part of the Wiesbaden stamp dealers that when the POST decided to run an article giving the soldiers the facts about the stamp stores in the city the writer, with several friends, made a tour of the shops. The results of the excursion are set down below.

Lured on by tales of veterans who had realized large profits in America from stamp collections acquired in Germany two years ago, when a handful of food would buy nearly anything, the 1947 G I collector, his buying enthusiasm exceeded only by his lack of knowledge concerning stamps, is assisting hundreds of German stamp dealers to amass tidy fortunes.

Several of these fortunes are being built in Wiesbaden today. Methods used to part the uniformed—and uninformed—customer from his sought-after "Yankee dollar" are varied. Only a few are crude, some are extremely smooth and nearly all are highly effective.

"Rare Old Stamps!"

In the shops along Langstrasse and nearby streets, "stamping ground" of Wiesbaden, we were offered within three hours seven surcharged (overprinted) stamps on which the valuable surcharges were forgeries. We were shown a dozen copies which had been badly torn and skillfully repaired and we could have purchased complete sets of "rare stamps," on which the ink was scarcely dry. Twice we saw on display stamps which had at some previous time been marked as counterfeit by German experts, with small "secret marks."

We could have purchased six stamps with a catalog value of almost ninety dollars for a little over four thousand marks. Had we done so, we would have found among our "bargains" one forgery, one stamp which had at one time been two stamps, a copy with a forged postmark, a "sehr schon" item of a red brown color, which had once been a bright red stamp of little value, and, believe it or not, one genuine stamp with a value of six dollars.

Surcharges Are Valuable

A faked postmark, used when new copies of a stamp are plentiful and the cancelled varieties are comparatively rare, is hard to detect and brings high prices from the unsuspecting. The application of a mild acid works wonders in changing colors and in the etching in of a desired watermark. A dealer isn't considered to be worth his salt until he is able to repair a torn stamp by placing it in warm water, working the texture around to cover the torn and thin spots, and turn up with a "prima briefmarken, bestimmt!"

Until the stamp situation in Wiesbaden improves the amateur philatelist is in a bad position. There are, of course, a few reliable dealers, but one can hardly enjoy "the hobby of kings" when he must constantly be on guard.

At present, in Wiesbaden, the beginner in the stamp field will do well to follow the oft-quoted Army phrase, "No" is the best tactic."

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Two new price lists are being announced as available to collectors by the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass. One of the booklets is known as "Stamp and Coin Collector's Catalog-Edition 22."

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The prospectus and entry blanks for the Thirteenth Annual National Stamp Exhibition of the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, SOJEX 1948, to be held in the Ball Room of the Walt Whitman Hotel, in Camden, N.J., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 5, 6 and 7, are now ready for distribution by Entries Committee Chairman, O. W. Acton, 95 Market Street, Salem, N.J., entries to close on Feb. 1. The charge will be \$1 per frame; each frame will accommodate nine standard album pages, 8½ by 11; visible portion of each frame being 25 inches wide by 33 inches long.

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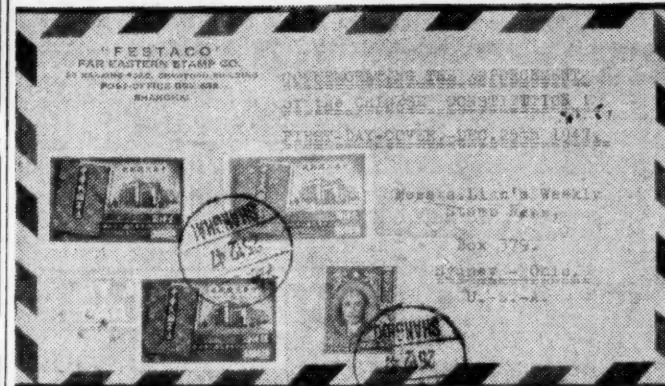
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Mrs. F. L. Erxleben, who told us about the bonanza, states that she drove the 17 miles from her home town of Rossville to Danville, the day after the small cards were placed on sale, and was able to obtain some for herself. Collectors for miles around were at the post office getting their share of the rapidly dwindling supply of the cards.

(Editors Note: The cards of a size of 3 x 5 inches are standard and are available to all postmasters from the supplies of the Department. They are used in some instances because they are of a filing card size, and will fit in with a firm's standard filing system.)

Stamps Have Prominent
Place In Hobby Show

In the month of February, on the days of the 20th to the 23rd inclusive, a lot of hobbyists out in El Segundo, Calif., are going to exhibit their recreational activities in a Hobby Show to be held in the American Legion Hall in that city. Stamps, of course, will be well represented by the members of the El Segundo Standard Oil Employees Stamp Club. Hoyt M. Fleming of the exhibition committee states that the stamp section will be filled with a fine display that should awaken the non-collector to the advantages of accumulating these small pieces of paper.

The Hobby Show is in the nature of a community betterment project sponsored by several civic interests. The admission to the show is free, and the exhibits of all kinds are entered on a non-competitive basis. Nevertheless, each exhibitor will receive a ribbon of merit in recognition of his or her contribution to the show. Attendance at this show appears to be a fine way to spend several interesting hours, and no doubt many will list it as a must on their date calendar.

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by Robert Jones

(Courtesy of the "Weisbaden Post, weekly newspaper of Hqs. Command USAFCE.")

The writer has been an active stamp collector for over ten years. He learned the fundamentals of the philatelic business as an apprentice in a stateside stamp shop. So many friends who were amateur collectors came to him with stories of shady dealings on the part of the Wiesbaden stamp dealers that when the POST decided to run an article giving the soldiers the facts about the stamp stores in the city the writer, with several friends, made a tour of the shops. The results of the excursion are set down below.

Lured on by tales of veterans who had realized large profits in America from stamp collections acquired in Germany two years ago, when a handful of food would buy nearly anything, the 1947 GI collector, his buying enthusiasm exceeded only by his lack of knowledge concerning stamps, is assisting hundreds of German stamp dealers to amass tidy fortunes.

Several of these fortunes are being built in Wiesbaden today. Methods used to part the uniformed—and uninformed—customer from his sought-after "Yankee dollar" are varied. Only a few are crude, some are extremely smooth and nearly all are highly effective.

"Rare Old Stamps!"

In the shops along Langstrasse and nearby streets, "stamping ground" of Wiesbaden, we were offered within three hours seven surcharged (overprinted) stamps on which the valuable surcharges were forgeries. We were shown a dozen copies which had been badly torn and skillfully repaired and we could have purchased complete sets of "rare stamps, very old, from the German states," on which the ink was scarcely dry. Twice we saw on display stamps which had at some previous time been marked as counterfeit by German experts, with small "secret marks."

We could have purchased six stamps with a catalog value of almost ninety dollars for a little over four thousand marks. Had we done so, we would have found among our "bargains" one forgery, one stamp which had at one time been two stamps, a copy with a forged postmark, a "sehr schon" item of a red brown color, which had once been a bright red stamp of little value, and, believe it or not, one genuine stamp with a value of six dollars.

Surcharges Are Valuable

A faked postmark, used when new copies of a stamp are plentiful and the cancelled varieties are comparatively rare, is hard to detect and brings high prices from the unsuspecting. The application of a mild acid works wonders in changing colors and in the etching in of a desired watermark. A dealer isn't considered to be worth his salt until he is able to repair a torn stamp by placing it in warm water, working the texture around to cover the torn and thin spots, and turn up with a "prima briefmarken, bestimmt!"

Until the stamp situation in Wiesbaden improves the amateur philatelist is in a bad position. There are, of course, a few reliable dealers, but one can hardly enjoy "the hobby of kings" when he must constantly be on guard.

At present, in Wiesbaden, the beginner in the stamp field will do well to follow the oft-quoted Army phrase, "No" is the best tactic."

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The Treasury demands for money during the Civil War resulted in taxes on many commodities, as well as on transactions. These stamps are for the former purpose, and are just as much a Federal Issue as any other of the Revenue Stamps issued during this era. All were printed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and controlled by the Treasury, but individual firms were allowed to have their own plates made. This was a welcome feature for it allowed them to incorporate their own special advertising thereon, which was a definite asset. Also, the Federal Government allowed a 5% to 10% discount to those concerns furnishing these plates, and to those with large use this really meant a small further saving.

Printing was done on 4 principal types of paper—

- A. Old Paper (hard and brittle stock.)
- B. Silk Paper (a soft paper with silk threads.)
- C. Pink Paper (soft, in varying shades of pink.)
- D. Watermarked "USIR" Paper (still in use.)

The nostrums, panaceas and cure-alls manufactured during this era are unbelievable in their scope and contents. Nearly all of the "pain killers" and the like contained either morphine, cocaine, heroin, laudanum or other narcotic. Some were but colored water, others contained kerosene, tar and other items of very questionable therapeutic values—it was the ERA OF PATENT MEDICINES. The abuses of these quack remedies were directly responsible for two very important laws now on the Federal Statute Books—The Pure Food & Drug Act and The Narcotics Act. With the passing of these laws nearly every one of the Patent Medicine ilk were forced out of business.

During the Spanish-American War these taxes were revived for a short period, but few manufacturers took advantage of the advertising feature. Instead they used a special issue which was printed by the Government for all users.

Attention is called to the many pictures of what the well dressed man of his day wore in the way of whiskers. Nearly as great a variety as the women's hats of today!!

NEWS FROM
GERMANY

F. Behle-Neuhold

The edition of Saar-overprints announced recently, amount to ten values of 2 to 14 Francs. In fact, the old Saar stamps have been newly printed for these overprints, as shown by the much whiter paper and the dates of printing on the sheets.

An important announcement says that from January 1st, 1948, the sending of registered letters to foreign countries will be allowed once more. After the Germans had been forbidden for 32 months, since the capitulation, to send registered letters they now can do it again and this will facilitate the restoration of normal conditions. For collectors, this facilitation is of great importance, because now again, letters, which contain some stamps for exchange may be sent registered and the possibilities of loss are diminished.

Many collectors in foreign countries and in Germany will surely make use of this new possibility to establish regular exchange-connections.

Philatelie Equator, P. O. Box 85 Hamburg Germany, made a special cover for the collectors of First Day Covers for January 1st, 1948, the first day of readmission of German registered letters after 32 months of prohibition. This special cover had the first day stamp of January 2nd, 1948. Because the post-offices were closed for registered letters on New Year,

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January 2nd was the first day for the admission of such letters. Persons interested in this cover, mailed from U. S. British-Zone or Baden or Rhineland or Wurttemberg, will apply to the named organization.

No more issues have appeared from the French zone for several weeks. The 13 values for the country of Rhineland-Pfalz having been published complete, there were to have been printed the last seven values each of Baden and Wurttemberg. But of these, none have appeared and it will not be a too long shot to guess that the delay was due to the fact, that the manufacturer, a printing-office in Offenburg was very much occupied lately with the new-print and overprint of the Saar-edition.

By the change of the postage for foreign countries from 45 to 30 Pfennig for postcards and from 75 to 50 Pfennig for letters, the stamps of 45 and 75 Pfennig of all three editions of the French Zone have become needless. Instead the values of 30 Pfennig red and 50 Pfennig blue must be created.

Of the four, up till now licensed, collector-magazines (Globus-Stuttgart, Postillon Berlin, General-Anzeiger-Ludwigslust and Sammler-Express-Berlin) only the last mentioned two are still published (Russian zone). The Postillon stopped without explanation and the Globus cannot be printed because of the paper-difficulties. In the British-American-French Zone no stamp-magazines are published at all.

CHICAGO COUPLE
VACATION IN CUBA

Far from their home town, and enjoying the weather and the scenery of Cuba are Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Przygocki of Chicago, Ill. Word and announcement of the trip have arrived in the form of a communication from the Dr. with a Havana, Cuba postmark on the letter.

CHICAGO COLLECTORS CLUB
ELECTS OFFICER'S FOR '48

Recently elected officers for the Collectors Club of Chicago are, Dr. Clarence W. Hennan, as president, Charles Meroni as vice president, and Col. O. H. Schrader as secretary-treasurer.

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On March 13 and 14, the Ogden Hill Stamp Club of Chicago, Ill. will present its eighth annual exhibition and bourse at the Ogden Park Field House, 65th and Throop Sts. Over 200 frames will be on display for the delight of the usually large number of visitors, and these will contain a wide variety of philatelic items. Several of the members of the club are planning to show material that has won top awards at other exhibitions. All the entries promised to date are said to be excellently mounted.

A seal has been prepared for this year's show. It will be printed from a beautiful hand engraving, and will be made available to collectors at 10¢ each, or three for a quarter. Mr. William Heisler, 7151 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Ill. will supply these. A display is being arranged showing how this type printing is accomplished, from the original design, through the changes, approval, proofs, color trials, etc.

The club meets every Monday evening at the Ogden Park Field House. Collectors are always welcome to attend the meetings.

CARVER STAMP SALE WITH
SPECIAL CEREMONIES

Quite a ceremony was made on the first day of sale of the new George Washington Carver Stamp at the Philadelphia, Pa. post office. Held on January 6, one day after the first day of issue at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., the ceremonies at the Philadelphia post office had representatives from several of the negro and other organizations of the city on hand. The first sheet of the Carver stamps was sold by Postmaster Joseph F. Gallagher to Judge Herbert E. Milen in the presence of Reese J. Brown, president of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Up until 1924, the stamps of Afghanistan were so difficult to decipher and establish as genuine, that this fact alone made the country unpopular to collect even though the early issues are catalogued fairly high.

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Damaged by Fire in B & O'Car Number 467 B & O Train # 51 Det & Cin R.P.O. # 51 Toledo to Cincinnati Ohio November 11 1947

Postmaster Hamilton Ohio

Rewrapped at Hamilton Ohio

For further details of this seal we wrote to Mr. George A. Zettler, Postmaster of Hamilton, Ohio, who has kindly furnished us with the following details. We will now reproduce in its entirety Mr. Zettler's letter of December 6th, 1947.

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A car of parcel post on the train referred to on the label was observed to be on fire as the train passed through Trenton, Ohio, a small village about 12 miles from Hamilton.

Word was sent to Hamilton and at the first street intersection, Fourth and Vine Streets, Hamilton, Ohio the train was met by the Hamilton Ohio Fire Department.

The car contained about 750 sacks of parcel post as well as a number of outside parcels, and the fire was quite serious, as the car was not opened after it left Lima, Ohio, it was believed that the fire was burning from the time shortly after the train left that city.

All of the parcel post in the car was unloaded and brought to the Hamilton Ohio Post Office for reworking and as there were so many parcel post packages that were enveloped the label was made up as shown, (illustrated above) under the direction of P. O. Inspector Bradley of the Cincinnati Division.

Sincerely yours,
George A. Zettler (signed)
Postmaster

The writer feels that with the above letter reproduced in full little more of the details surrounding this seal can be added. As a personal contribution I might add that the parcel we received was carefully and neatly repacked and expedited on to us. In fact, we received our package only one day late. This is certainly a tribute to the hard working personnel of the United States Post Office Department who work any number of hours under all kinds of trying conditions so that our mail can reach us quickly and in good order.

I would like to hear from any LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS readers who might have also found copies of this seal on parcel post. It appears that very few copies of this seal have survived to be passed down to future collectors. Certainly this seal deserves a place in any collection as a "provisional" post office seal.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our issue of Jan. 12th, the Auction of the Philatelic Exchange Club of 237 Forest Drive, Knoxville, Tenn. showed the wrong APS number.

The number should have been 18617 instead of 8617. Upon checking the Year Book we noted this error and wish to correct same.

DUCK STAMP BOOK OUT OF STOCK TEMPORARILY

When he wrote to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for a copy of the Book on Duck Stamps that was told about in the January 12 issue of LINN'S, Philip Rosenblatt of Brooklyn received the notice that the book was temporarily out of stock. The notice went on to say that if an order for the book were again submitted in about two months, the Superintendent expected to have a quantity of them on hand.

Therefore, those of you who are planning to order the book, should put it off for at least two months.

ELECTIONS HELD BY ALABAMA COLLECTORS

Among the several things accomplished at the first meeting of the new year of the Mobile (Ala.) Philatelic Society was the holding of a spirited auction, and the election of officers. After the ballots were all counted, it was found that the members chose Peter Altink as the new president, Thomas Stephens as vice-president, Mrs. Bill Dix as the secretary, and Leon Raley as the treasurer. The club meets twice a month and welcomes all visitors.

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THE TITLE PAGES

Thanks to the thousands of collectors who have got behind these, it is now possible to start advertising the pages in the larger national magazines. The first such advertisement will be in the March issue of Coronet (out Feb. 25). The main object is to introduce philately through the media of these Pages to thousands of potential stamp collectors. As Coronet is read by at least 5,000,000 people, there should be some interesting reactions.

A single full page advertisement in Coronet costs \$5,200.00. I invite collectors who have never seen any of these Pages to write in and find out for themselves just what it is that warrants laying out that kind of money. Better still, become a Charter Subscriber now, by sending in \$10.00 for the first 7 pages.

STAMPS?

Yes, lots of them but I don't know what to offer. Suggest sending in a \$10.00 bill or check, giving me an outline of your collection and let me do the rest. I'll have an extra good assortment for the money. Allow about 2 weeks for a reply and remember it's always money back on anything I sell, if unsatisfactory.

K. BILESKI

Station B Winnipeg, Canada

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LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS
Sidney, Ohio, U. S. A.

Doc Mueller was among the soldiers sent to Siberia. Doc sent letters home almost daily. He apparently was an indefatigable correspondent. But not only had he saved his own letters, but on his return after being demobilized, he had written all his Czech friends to ask their relatives in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and New York, all cities with large Czech populations, to send him their letters as well. For some fifteen years they had rested in shoeboxes, unknown to philatelic collectors of World War One material who regarded the Siberian marking so scarce that upwards of ten dollars each was being paid for a fine specimen.

The circumstances were somewhat unusual, for we knew that we could not offer Doc Muller what the covers were really worth. With his penchant for liquor, the money would be spent in a matter of days. Accordingly, with the two boxes of Siberian covers under our arms, we suggested a visit to Doc's benefactor for a pair of gloves that Mrs. Herst had ostensibly lost. Doc did not think it unusual that we engaged his friend in conversation while Mrs. Herst listened to the tales of his days at John Hopkins. His friend told us what we did not know: Doc's mother was living on the other side of town. She almost never saw her son, and apparently her son never saw her. He suggested that we offer a nominal sum for the covers, and pay the balance between what he accepted and what the covers were worth to his mother, who could use the money to better advantage than Doc. The suggestion seemed an admirable one, and the matter was handled in that fashion.

The Siberian covers turned out to be the largest lot of these ever found, perhaps by themselves exceeding what had previously been on the market in aggregate. Doc never knew the circumstances of his find, and it is perhaps just as well. His mother was grateful for the windfall that had come to her. It was there that we obtained confirmation of Doc's medical past to a certain point; he had indeed studied at John Hopkins, but he had flunked out after but a year's study. Since then he was addicted to liquor, and since then she had scarcely seen him save when by chance they had met on the street while he was making his way from one bar to another.

Thus ended another tale of philatelic adventure, a series of events which followed in rapid succession in the course of a single afternoon, having their origin in the simple observation that a soap factory the size of the one in Madison, Conn. must receive a lot of mail.

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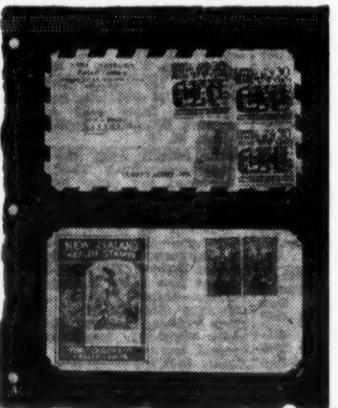
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COLLECTOR NEGLECTED TO INCLUDE ADDRESS

A collector in Paterson, N. J. sent an order to A. N. Estes, 108 W. Kentucky, Louisville 3, Ky., but neglected to include his name or address. Mr. Estes asks that if any reader has sent him an order recently that he, or she has not received, to tell him the nature of the order and he will be happy to send it on its way.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD

(Continued from page 1)

gon Trail. He reached Sutter's New Helvetia in July 1845, liked the country, and decided to settle in the vicinity.

Marshall's mechanical skill made him one of the most popular and one of the busiest men in that section, and it wasn't long until the earnings from his labor enabled him to acquire a ranch of his own, where he began the business of raising cattle. He had hardly made a fair start on this enterprise, when the revolt of the Californians caused him to join the cause of separation from Mexico. He served with General Fremont's forces during this war.

On the cessation of hostilities, Marshall returned to his ranch only to discover that his cattle had been killed or driven off, and his land in the possession of "squatters." The insurmountable difficulties facing him in the establishment of his rights to the land and the removal of the new "tenants", caused him to forego such a mountainous task, and to try to regain his fortune by another method.

The new enterprise took the form of a partnership with his neighbor, Sutter, in the building and the operation of a lumber mill. The mill was set up on the south fork of the American River; the power to drive the saws was to be derived from a swift flow of water in a mill race.

On a test run of the mill it was found that the flow of the water was not adequate to drive the saws as intended, so Marshall decided that the race needed deepening. While engaged on this task, Marshall espied the tiny glittering nuggets. He and Sutter tried to keep the discovery of the gold a secret, but they might just as well have tried to stop the waves of the ocean.

A gold mad horde of men, women and children descended on the district and took it for their own.

Marshall himself, like Sutter, profited nothing from the discovery, for his attempts to establish a claim and to drive the preemptions from the land were without success. His last years were spent as a farmer, death occurring on August 10, 1885.

A State Park was established by California to include the land on which Marshall's cabin stands, it having been restored and preserved as a monument. Watching over the scene, is a bronze statue of Marshall, on a plot near the cabin.

At just about the height of the Florida winter season, the Miami Florida Stamp Club will hold an exhibition and bourse. The event is scheduled to take place on February 4, 5, 6 in Miami at the new Civic Auditorium located on Biscayne Blvd. at N. E. 5th St. The doors will be open to the visitors each day from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.

The club plans to limit the number of frames on exhibition to 200, and the bourse tables to 15, and it is expected that some of the northern dealers will take advantage of the opportunity to meet some of their vacationing customers, and to enjoy a bit of the Florida sunshine for themselves.

The club has petitioned the Post Office Department for an exhibit, and has also requested permission for the local postmaster to use a special cancellation die for the duration of the event. Since the show will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the club, a fitting cachet has been prepared.

All collectors desiring this attractive 20th Anniversary cachet can send as many envelopes as they wish to the secretary. All envelopes should be properly addressed, and stamped. 3 cent postage for first class mail and, 5 cents for airmail. There is no charge for this service. Send your envelopes off today to the secretary, Mr. R. Knobel, 3240-N. W. 27th Ave., Miami, Fla. 37, to insure proper philatelic treatment.

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by "Uncle Walt" Reinhardt
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My "pet" is United States Revenues, so this column will be mostly about these interesting issues. I don't pretend to know EVERYTHING there is to know about these stamps. However I may come across something worth passing on to you.

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BIDS CLOSE FEBRUARY 14th

DESCRIPTIONS:

Superb: Very well centered and perfect in all respects.
Very fine: Well centered and without fault.

Fine: Sound copy, well centered as a rule, but not always so.
Good: Average centering, possibly heavy cancellation, but collectible.

Symbols: * Mint; ○ Used; VF Very Fine; F Fine; G Good; NH Never Hinged; OG Original Gum; Cpl Complete Ctrd. Centered; Ref. Retails.

Lot No. Catalog Number & Description Cat. Value

UNITED STATES

1 ○ #29 5c Jefferson, 1857, tiny tear at bottom, ctdr. 17.50
2 ○ #115 6c Washington, 1869, fine used copy. lt. canc. 8.50
3 ○ #217 30c Hamilton, 1888, VF copy, ctdr to bot. 5.00
4 ★ #233 4c Columbian, fine block 4, nicely ctdr. 15.00
5 ★ #238 15c Columb. ctdr. to L & bot. fresh appear. 7.00
6 ★ #239 30c Columbian, very fine copy 10.00
7 ★ #240 50c Columbian, fine copy 13.50
8 ★ #298 8c Pan-American, very fine copy 5.50
9 ★ #299 10c Pan-American, very fine copy 7.50
10 ★ #325 3c Louisiana Purchase, Very fine blk 4 22.50
11 ★ #326 5c Louisiana Purchase, Very fine copy 6.50
12 ★ #341 50c Washington, ctdr to right & bottom 15.00
13 ★ #342 \$1 Washington, very fine to superb copy 22.50
14 ★ #399 5c Panama Pacific perf 12; fine copy 6.00
15 ★ #400a 10c Panama Pacific, perf 12; fine copy 11.00
16 ★ #483 3c Imperf. line blk 4, huge marg, NH, Ret. 4.00
17 ★ #523 \$2 Orange Red & Black (Franklin) VF copy, retails 45.00
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19 ★ #547 \$2 Franklin, carmine & black, fine copy 10.00
20 ○ #550 5c Pilgrim, precanc. blk. 4, ctdr. 7.00
21 ★ #612 2c Harding Imperf. pl.# blk. of 4, superb 7.50
22 ★ #612 2c Harding Impf. blk. 24 (6x4) spb. NH, Ret 38.00
23 ★ #616 5c Walloon, VF block of 4, sells for 15.00
24 ★ #616 5c Walloon, VF plate blk. of 6, sells for 24.50
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26 ★ #620-21 2c & 5c Norse, arr. bloc 4, VF, sells for 13.75
27 ★ #621 5c Norse, VF block of 4, NH, sells for 11.00
28 ★ #628 5c Ericsson, pl.# blk of 6, ctdr. to top. 7.00
29 ★ #631 2c White Plains sheet of 25, VF, worth 20.00
30 ★ #647-48 2-5c Hawaii, bl 4, nicely ctdr, F, sells for 5.50
31 ★ #650 5c Aeronautic, VF plate block of 6 4.25
32 ★ #658-68 Kansas set complete, fine 18.12
33 ★ #692-701 1931 iss., 11c-50c cpl. in VF bl. sells for 19.00
34 ★ #704-15 Bicents. cpl. in bloc, F to VF, sells for 7.25
35 ★ #730a-31a 1 & 3c Chicago Imperf sheets of 25, Superb, sells for 5.50
36 ★ #756-65 Farley Parks cpl set line blocx, spb. sells 6.75
37 ★ #859-93 Fam. Amer. cpl. set in bloc mtd. on Narbo pages, mostly VF, retails for 25.00
38 ★ #863 10c Riley, VF to superb blk. 4, NH, sells 4.50
39 ★ #883 10c Nevins, pl.# blk. 4, (22577 LR), F, sells 5.25
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50 ★ #Q12 \$1 Parcel Post, fine copy 25.00

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52 ★ #671 2c Nebraska, sheet 100, F-VF 20.00
53 ★ #703 2c Yorktown, sheet of 50, perfs on all 4 sides, fine, sells 5.00
54 ★ #774 3c Boulder Dam, sheet 50, VF Sells for 3.00
55 ★ #776 3c Texas, sheet of 50, VF Sells for 3.00
56 ★ #780 3c Arkansas, sheet of 50, VF Sells for 3.00
57 ★ #783 3c Oregon, sheet of 50, VF Sells for 3.00
58 ★ #789 5c Army, sheet of 50, fine Sells for 4.00
59 ★ #795 3c N. West Ordinance, sheet 50 VF Sells 3.00
60 ★ #796 5c Va. Dare, sheet 48, fine Sells for 8.00
61 ★ #836 3c Swedes-Finns, sheet 48, fine Sells for 6.00
62 ★ #857 3c Printing Press, sheet 50, VF Sells for 3.00
63 ★ #859, 869, 879, 884, 1c Fam. Amer. sheets, 4 diff. to VF, VF- Worth 12.00
64 ★ #860, 870 2c Cooper, 2c Mann, shts 70 ea. VF, sells 7.50
65 ★ #861 3c Emerson, sheet of 70, VF sells for 5.00
66 ★ #871 3c Eliot sheet of 70, fine sells for 14.00
67 ★ #872 5c Willard, sheet of 70, VF sells for 9.00
68 ★ #876 3c Burbank, sheet of 70, VF sells for 4.00
69 ★ #877 5c Reed, sheet of 70, VF sells for 6.00
70 ★ #882 5c MacDowell, sheet of 70, VF sells for 7.00
71 ★ #885, 890 2c Whistler, 2c Morse, sheets of 70 each, Very Fine, sells for 6.00
72 ★ #884 1c Stuart, sheet of 70, VF sells for 3.50
73 ★ #886 3c St. Gaudens, sheet of 70, VF sells for 5.00
74 ★ #890 2c Morse, sheet of 70, VF sells for 3.50
75 ★ #897 3c Wyoming, sheet of 50, VF sells for 4.00
76 ★ #898 3c Coronado, sheet of 50, VF sells for 5.00
77 ★ #898 3c Coronado, another sh. 50, fine sells for 5.00
78 ★ #901 3c Defense, sheet of 100, VF sells for 6.00
79 ★ #906 5c China, sheet of 50, VF sells for 12.50
80 ★ #909 5c Poland, sheet of 50, VF sells for 7.00
81 ★ #911 5c Norway, sheet of 50, VF sells for 3.50
82 ★ #911 5c Luxembourg, 2 sheets 50 each, VF sells for 7.00
83 ★ #912 5c Netherlands, sheet of 50, VF sells for 3.50
84 ★ #913 5c Belgium, sheet of 50, VF sells for 3.50
85 ★ #914 5c Belgium, 3 sheets of 50 each, Very Fine, (face \$7.50) sells for 10.50
87 ★ #915 5c France, sheet of 50, VF sells for 3.50
88 ★ #915 5c France, 2 sheets 50 ea., VF sells for 7.00
89 ★ #917 5c Jugoslavia, sheet of 50, VF sells for 4.00
90 ★ #918 5c Albania, sheet of 50, VF sells for 4.00
91 ★ #921 5c Korea, sheet of 50, VF sells for 7.50
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106 ○ Canada #5, 1855, 6p Albert dull vio. 4 G. Mar. VF 45.00
107 ○ #7, 1855 10p blue, 3 good marg., lt. canc., F. 65.00
108 ★ Egypt #125-27, 150-58, 163-65, 205-12, 213-16; 7 diff. sets, 27 stamps, VF 8.12
109 ★ Gambia #132-34, 35-38, 39-43, 1938-41 Geo. VI 1/2p-10sh. '13 VF 12.94
110 ★ Gilbert-Ellice Is. #33-33, 1935 Jubs. cpl. VF 14.25
111 ○ Iraq #78, 1934 1d claret, slight discoloration at lower right, otherwise fine 10.00
112 ★ Jamaica #14-15, 1875, 2sh & 5sh Victoria, fine 10.25

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113 ★ #98 1921 3sh monument, no gum, VF	6.00	
114 ★ Newfoundland #27a, 1866, 10c Albert, white paper, no gum, Fine	12.00	
115 ★ #58, 79, 81, 87, 88, 105, 106, 7 blocx 4 F-VF	13.72	
116 ★ #61-66, 1897, 1-6c Cabots, VF blocx 4 (6) -	9.60	
117 ★ #74, 1897, 60c Cabot block of 4, VF	12.00	
118 ★ #90 & 107, 1910-11, 4c Guy, 4c Royal Fam. F	5.75	
119 ★ #104-09, 110a, 111-14, 1911 Royal Family cpl. 8c paper colored thru, 8&10c off cent, bal VF	49.15	
120 ★ #115-122, 124, 126, 1919 Caribous cpl, except for 12 & 24c; blocx of 4, VF	56.00	
121 ★ #120-121, 126, 1919 Caribous, 6, 8, & 36c, VF	8.25	
122 ★ #127, 129, 130, 1920 2 on 30c, 3 on 15c, 3 on 35c, VF blocx of four	12.00	
123 ★ #131-35, 37, 40, 41, 43, 1923-24, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 11c, 12c, & 20c VF blocx of 4	28.20	
124 ★ #146, 148, 149, 152, 211, 1928, 2, 4c, 5c, 9c, 15c L. & S. Post., VF blocx of 4	18.20	
125 ★ #183/198, 1931 Issue cpl, 1c thru 30c, Very Fine blocx of 4	59.60	
126 ★ #193/266 1931-44, 24 vars., 31 stamps, 7 dup., mostly types of '31 & '32 obsoletes & curr. VF	9.29	
127 ★ #221-22, 1933, 14 & 15c Gilberts; VF copies	9.00	
128 ★ #222, 1933 15c Gilbert, Fine	4.50	
129 ★ #224, 1933 24c Gilbert, VF	8.00	
130 ★ #225, 1933 32c Gilbert, fine	8.50	
131 ★ #226-29, 1935 Jubs. Cpl. in blocx 4, VF	7.40	
132 ★ #233-43, 1937 Long Coronations pl., F-VF	5.37	
133 ★ #C6-8, 1931 Airs cpl in blocx 4, VF-Superb	55.00	
134 ★ #C8, 1931, \$1 unwmkd; Superb, NH	9.00	
135 ★ #C9, 1931, 15c unwmkd; VF block of 4	4.00	
136 ★ #C9-11, 1931 unwmkd. Airs cpl. (3) VF	22.00	
137 ○ #C12, 1932, \$1.50 "Do-X" Fine	55.00	
138 ★ #C12, 1932 Wayzata Issue, VF	1.50	
139 ★ St. Kitts-Nevis #49, 1927 2/6p Geo. V blk. of 4; Very Fine blocx of 4	14.00	
140 ○ Seychelles #144, 1938, 1 rupee Geo. VI, two tiny tears at bot, hardly noticeable, otherwise VF	17.50	
141 ★ Sudan #C14-15, 1935, 7½p & 10p Airs; (2) VF	6.00	
142 ★ Trinidad-Tob. #57-58, 1938, 24c & 60c Geo. VI Very Fine blocx of 4	6.72	

144 ★ Victoria #4, 1850, 3p indigo Queen Victoria, 2 thin spots, nice margins	40.00
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146 ★ #65, 1863, 4p rose, no gum, perf cut at right	25.00
147 ★ #128-141, 1910, Birthday Jub. Iss., 1h-1k (14) VF	18.90
148 ★ #163, 1916-18, 10k deep violet, VF copy	5.00
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